

# New and Short Route

TO THE

# GOLD MINES

OF THE

# BLACK HILLS

# MONTANA AND IDAHO.

**400 Miles of Travel Saved.**

The "Black Hills Exploring and Mining Association" desires to call the attention of miners and emigrants to the new and short route to the Gold Mines which passes through Sioux City, Iowa, and Yankton, D. T., thence in nearly a direct line through fertile river valleys to the Black Hills and the mines of Montana and Idaho. The efforts of this association to secure the opening of the Black Hills have been crowned with success. An expedition under the patronage of the Government is now organizing for the purpose of opening the road, with which the party of miners sent out by this association will unite.

From the best information that has been obtained, no doubts are entertained of the existence of gold in the Black Hills of Dakota. The new route to Montana and Idaho, via the Black Hills saves full four hundred miles of travel and is known to have an abundance of wood and pasture, with water at convenient camping places. A rare opportunity is now offered to those wishing to visit the new gold fields of the Black Hills on their way to the mines of Montana and Idaho, by joining with the Government Expedition sent out to establish this route. We refer you to the annexed official circular of Hon. W. W. BROOKINGS, of Yankton, superintendent and disbursing officer of the Minnesota and Big Skyline Wagon Road.

## "TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN."

The undersigned having been appointed to open a Government Wagon Road from the western boundary of Minnesota, through Dakota, via the Big Skyline river, and along the north base of the Black Hills to the NEW GOLD FIELDS of Idaho, and Montana, would hereby give notice to all desiring to go this route, that that part of the road from the western boundary of Minnesota in a line nearly west from Mankato, to Crow Creek and Fort Sully, on the Missouri river will be open for emigration by the 20th of May. Further, that seventy-five men and thirty wagons, for the purpose of opening the road from Fort Sully through to Montana, together with all emigrants in this vicinity going to the Black Hills, Montana and Idaho, will leave Yankton about the 20th of May, and Fort Sully the 10th of June.

All assistance not incompatible with the object of the Government will be rendered to emigrants by the Road Expedition. From all the information obtained, this route is short and practicable. A limited number of men could get employment on the road through.

MINNESOTA AND IOWA PAPERS ARE REQUESTED TO COPY THE FOREGOING NOTICE.

**W. W. BROOKINGS,**  
Supt and Disb'g Agent of Minnesota and Big Skyline Wagon Road."

The importance of this new route to the Gold Mines may be inferred from the fact that congress at its late session appropriated the sum of \$105,000 to open Wagon Roads through Dakota to the Mines. Maj. Gen. Sully will also visit the Black Hills, via the Shesenne route, with 1,200 cavalry during the present season. Col. James Sawyer will also start at the head of a wagon road Expedition, leaving Sioux City Iowa about the 25th of May and will proceed by way of Yankton, Niobrara, and the Black Hills, making about 875 miles to Virginia City.

The distance from Sioux City Iowa, up the Missouri valley to Yankton, D. T. is 63 miles, from Yankton up the same valley to Fort Sully 230 miles, then leaving the Missouri and passing westward up the Big Skyline valley about 125 miles to the Black Hills, from the Black Hills to Virginia City, 350 miles, making the distance 400 miles shorter than by any other route. The necessary outfit can be obtained in the vicinity of the termini of any of the Railroads in Iowa and Minnesota, and should consist of ox teams and covered wagons loaded with flour, pork, beans, rice, coffee, sugar, dried fruits &c. &c., with guns and ammunition, as the country is known to abound in wild game. For further information in regard to outfit and facilities offered by this route, apply to Hon. W. W. Brookings or to the officers of the association at Yankton D. T.

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Hon. Walter A. Burleigh has just returned from Gen. Pope's Headquarters, and brings the information that orders have been issued providing for an ample military force to accompany Supt's Brookings' road party. An infantry force of 200 men will also escort Col. Sawyer through from the mouth of the Niobrara.